producers of Aluminium, viz., NALCO and HINDALCO, are implementing major expansion programmes to increase their production by 1,15,000 MT and 1,00,000 MT per annum respectively.

Fine for wild life offences

*191. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions regarding fine for wild life offences;

(b) whether Government propose to hike the fine amount of substantially for offences under the Wild Life Protection Act. 1972, so that it could deter the offenders;

(c) whether Madhya Pradesh Government has also proposed to hike the amount of fine for such offences; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Under Section 51 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, following penalties have been prescribed for contravening the provisions of the Act.

(i) Any persons who violates any of the provisions of the Act or Rules or Order made there under (except Chapter V-A and Section 38-J) on conviction is punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to 3 years or with a fine which may extend to Rs. 25,000/- or with both.

(ii) Persons committing any offences relating to wild animals included in Schedule I or Part-II of Schedule II or meat of any such animal article, trophy, or uncured trophy derived from such animal and the offence relating to hunting in or altering the boundaries of a Sanctuary or National Parks shall be punishable with imprisonment for a terms not less than one year but which may extend to six years and also with a fine which is not less than Rs. 5,000/-. For a subsequent offence of this nature the minimum term of imprisonment would not

be less than two years and the minimum fine would not be less than Rs. 10,000/-.

(iii) Offences under Chapter VA (concerning prohibition of trade or commerce in trophies, animal articles, etc. derived from scheduled animals) are punishable with a term of imprisonment which shall not be less than one year but which may extend to seven years and also with a fine which shall not be less than Rs. 5,000/-.

(iv) For offences in relation to zoos, the punishment prescribed is imprisonment up to six months or with a fine which may extend to Rs. 2,000/- or with both. For a subsequent offence of this nature the term of imprisonment may extend up to one year and the fine may extend to Rs. 5,000/-.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government has yet not taken a final view on the revised level of penalties.

Losses of IFC & HFC

*192. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public sector urea producing units namely, Indian Fertilizer Corporation and Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation Limited are running into losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to close down or handover both of these corporations to private sector.

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The losses suffered by Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI) and Hindustan